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The GFWC GLR Communiqué

“Turning Disabilities to Abilities One Heartbeat at a Time”



Toasting a New Administration

By GFWC Great Lakes President Lin Wilken (OH)

GFWC Great Lakes Region started the new administration in Baltimore with a Champagne Celebration of the successes of the 2014-2016 administration and I want to thank GFWC Ohio for sponsoring the “Toast.” It seems like months ago but just a short six weeks have passed by since we were together in Baltimore.

Your Executive Committee has been busy planning for the October 27—30, 2016 Great Lakes Region Conference. Meeting via the media and in person has given us an opportunity to prepare for a terrific conference with “News YOU Can Use” Workshops, warm hospitality from the members of GFWC Wisconsin, education opportunities for all as well as fun every day. Can you paint like Mary Cassatt or maybe like Jackson Pollock? Perhaps you will want to come and try your brush at the canvas with our GFWC Leadership on Thursday night. Maybe sailing is your thing. If so, we will be aboard the Lake Geneva Mailboat on Friday morning so join us! Octoberfest Wisconsin Style will be the order of Friday evening with our Keynote Speaker GFWC International

President Sheila Shea. Saturday will be packed with Platform Workshops and a Parade of Partners you won't want to miss. Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC International President-Elect will treat us to her humor and some updates on the GFWC Strategic Plan.

Sunday we will honor our Leaders in the Great Lakes Region both past and present with a Memorial presented by the “Great 8”...the GFWC GLR 2016 LEADS Graduates, our GFWC Leadership Committee member Jan Allen, and our GFWC GLR Vice President Paula Schlice.

The “Call” and Agenda are included in this newsletter...don't delay that registration. Pack your favorite costume to celebrate Women Through Time – Real or fiction and head to Lake Geneva for a weekend of fun with your Sisters of the Great Lakes.

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Set Sail...Explore the Possibilities

By Phyllis Skubic, GFWC Illinois President



It's an honor and privilege to serve as President of GFWC Illinois! The theme for this administration is "Set Sail . . . Explore the Possibilities" using a sailboat and anchor as symbols. The colors are red, white and blue to depict all things nautical but also to represent GFWC. The sailboat represents the freedom we have as members to choose what we wish to explore. It may be a new project for our community or a new way to facilitate club meetings. It may be serving as a new chairman or officer for your club. Maybe it will be exploring new skills for personal growth or professional advancement. The possibilities really are endless if you have the courage to 'Set Sail'. GFWC offers unlimited personal growth and leadership development, and as members, we are given endless opportunities to explore all we can do and all that we can be. We are truly anchored to this organization by Living the Volunteer Spirit, each and every day. Anchored to the commitment of enhancing the lives of others and the knowledge that by helping others, by changing other's lives, we truly enrich our own.

The focus of the administration will be on implementing the 2016—2020 Strategic Plan for GFWC Illinois. We will focus on stabilizing and then increasing our membership, re-energizing

our current members and leaders, utilizing all methods of communication to reach each and every member, and securing our future financially. GFWC Illinois now has a Juniorette Chairmen to focus solely on our youngest members. Her challenge is to help grow their numbers, assist the club Advisors and expand their involvement in all that is GFWC.

I have a monetary project called "Let's Make Change". The challenge is for Every Member of Every Club to donate \$4.00, potentially generating \$4,800 for each of my special emphases: Easterseals, Illinois Leadership Seminars, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and Children's Research Foundation. All funds will be distributed to these organizations at our Annual Convention in May.

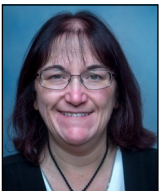
Director of Junior Clubs, Jeanette T. Wells and I, along with our Executive Committees, were installed together in a beautiful ceremony using the Collect for Clubwomen and the Junior Pledge at our Convention in May. We are holding joint general and junior Board of Director meetings throughout this administration and doing a service project for a local organization. I am thrilled to be on this voyage with Jeanette as my First Mate and a very experienced Executive Crew!!

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Helping Design Better Lives

By Jeanette T. Wells, GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs



I am honored to be the GFWC Illinois Director of Junior Clubs. The administration started off with something new for GFWC IL. President Elect Phyllis Skubic and I decided to have a combined installation, so with the blessing from the outgoing General and Junior Officers, we changed it up. It was really special to have both the GFWC Illinois and the GFWC Illinois Junior Executive Boards being installed together. This set the stage for one of our shared goals, that Generals and Juniors will work together this administration. We followed that with a combined Orientation, which was full of information, training, some time to get to know each other and a whole lot of fun. My motto is GFWC Illinois Juniors...helping

design better lives. The colors are black and white. Black and white were chosen since I feel no two colors show Unity and Diversity better. Black and White are the most diverse of the colors; however when put together, I do not think any two colors show more unity. As far as other goals for the GFWC IL Junior Organization, of

they are passionate about and work on that. Working on something they are passionate about will guarantee their success.

Helping a child learn to read by supporting our libraries, or **helping** a sick or delayed child by supporting St Jude, Easterseals or Children's Research Foundation, **helping** active military and vets, **helping** feed the hungry, **helping** a community by starting a new club, or take the step into leadership. The possibilities are endless.

"We will design programs, projects, and fundraisers and lay the plans to better the lives of others."

course membership, we need to grow our membership and add new clubs, in all three membership categories, General, Junior and Juniorette. We need to build our leadership pipeline, this I know is easier said than done, but by closely working with Phyllis, and both executive boards, I think we will make great strides in this. As far as a special emphasis for the Illinois Juniors, this Director did not select one. I would rather our clubs pick something

helping a member leadership. We will design programs, projects, fundraisers and lay the plans to better the lives of others. We will be **GFWC Illinois Juniors... helping design better lives.**



Where Flowers Bloom So Does Hope

By Betsey Nielsen, GFWC Indiana President



It is my Hope that each and every club acquaints itself with the Domestic Violence Shelter in their area, so that each member knows the location. Invite speakers from your local shelter, discuss the shelters real needs, give of your time.

If each club will take that first step and identify their shelter, I know we will open our hearts to help those in need; we can listen; we can care for those caught up in this deadly cycle of abuse. Wouldn't it be great for each club to hand in a report this February saying they had identified their Shelter and each member knew the location, and how it functions in their community, even recognized where their

club can act.

Unfortunately, types of abuse, the range that must be kept safe to be taken advantage.

It is important that we continue to plant our gardens of blue pinwheels so that Preventing Child Abuse is at the forefront of our thoughts, but we can do more.

It is my wish that the seeds of our advocacy start with treating each other well so that we can bloom into an effective voice for Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. If each of our members becomes aware of Domestic Violence our actions and voices will echo throughout Indiana; we can do much to help in our own awareness and efforts at prevention.

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Envision~Embrace~Empower

By Donna Brown, GFWC Michigan President



I am encouraging all Michigan members to take time to envision what they want their club and district life to become. Once they know what that vision is they can embrace and engage themselves to take action in their communities and in the inner workings of their clubs and districts with a stronger determination and dedication.

Then they will be empowered by their goals of making a difference and enhancing and empowering the lives of others for years to come.

I have selected Special Projects for the next two years that I feel strongly about that truly belong to Michigan, and all of the Great Lakes:

CONSERVATION: Awareness and action in the quest for Clean water in our Great Lakes, Inland Waterways and in our Drinking Water; to stop invasive species from accessing our ground waters; and in the art of Recycling. We must keep our PURE MICHIGAN CLEAN AND GREEN!

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN MICHIGAN: This horrific situation may feel like it's a problem that happens somewhere far away, but the truth is, it's been reported in every U. S. state,

including Michigan. Let's continue to bring more awareness and action into our communities by programs, projects, and legislation that will seek to end Human Trafficking.

LEADERSHIP: GFWC MI is focusing on Bridging the Leadership Gap for 2016-2018 and Nancy Norton our Leadership Chairman is already getting us thinking and doing with a leadership exercise and what leadership really means to each of us at the MI Advisory Board meeting

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this past July. Leadership mini sessions will continue throughout our seven District Meetings this Fall, during the Michigan 2017 Convention, and at our July 2017 MI Leadership Day; all bringing forth information regarding goal

setting, problem solving, delegating skills, how to run a meeting, mentoring members for leadership positions and much more.

These three special projects are large challenges, yet attainable, as our Michigan Committee Special Project Chairmen are committed to continue our GFWC Michigan legacy.



Ohio United

By Lisa Hedrick, GFWC Ohio President



Our organization has existed for 125 years and the courage and faith of the leaders that we followed broke down barriers and stood together in a common interest of helping women and society. GFWC continues to educate members, serve the public and influence the world around us. For this reason Deidra Devore, Director of Junior Clubs and I have chosen a single theme: "Ohio United" and administration pin to focus on projects that improve each community, while at the same time, promoting Ohio. We want all clubs to focus on projects that improve their own communities, while promoting the mission of GFWC. We will continue to educate, advocate and engage in a variety of ways because we are a diverse collection of women but now is the time to look to our future and understand the help GFWC offers to the state and realize we are a link in a great organization. Our Special Emphasis for this administration is to help all Ohio members understand the importance of

our history and support the need for investing in ourselves. Our project for Ohio is to raise \$50,000 for the Campaign for the Future.

Goals for this first year will encompass Ohio's needs: improving communication and sharing of files, a new Ohio website, a 2-day state conference, workshops for district chairmen, expediting Board meetings, promoting club projects and strengthening our federation knowledge. We are implementing changes the members have suggested and researching options to engage the membership in self promotion at the local level.

We want our Ohio clubs to return to the grassroots of Federation, believe in their members, help the needs in their community, and find the joy in serving others. I am committed to Ohio Federation and we can accomplish our goals by working together. The Pioneer workers were strong women, willing to work together through their diversities and united in their purpose. Their accomplishments were a result of the power of numbers. Ohio members working for each other, with each other, celebrating each other and with each other will bind us together.

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Ohio United

By Deidra Devore, GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs



Hello Ladies of the Great Lakes Region! My name is Deidra Devore and I am the 2016 - 2018 GFWC/Ohio Director of Junior Clubs. I am excited to represent the Ohio Junior Clubwomen, who are "doing better than ever before"! As this new administration begins, I hope that you are thinking of fresh ideas, projects, and programs that your own club can do through volunteering. I love being a part of GFWC –and hope you share my enthusiasm.

For this administration, Ohio President Lisa Hedrick and I will share a joint theme- **OHIO UNITED**. The 2016-2018 administration pin is a reflection of our focus on Ohio -Ohio clubwomen who are "living the volunteer spirit" everyday together in our communities. The pin is in the shape of Ohio with a bold red background. Red is often a color of prosperity, joy, and energy; all qualities Ohio (and Great Lakes Region!) clubwomen possess. The GFWC symbol and motto, "Unity in Diversity", is in the left corner of the pin and grounds us. The pin out-

line is in a bright gold. Gold is a precious metal that is often believed to help create success and illuminate the path toward a goal—**our administration goal of volunteering together.**

Whether you are a juniorette, a junior clubwoman, or a general clubwoman—you are a GFWC clubwoman. A GFWC clubwoman trying to make your communities better places through volunteering, uniting and working together. Where will your journey as a GFWC/Great Lakes Region clubwoman take you? My personal GFWC journey continues and I can hardly wait to see where it takes me next!

Many thanks go out to all Great Lakes clubwomen.

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en. Please continue to volunteer together and make your hometowns better places to live. I am looking forward to representing Ohio and the Great Lakes for the next two years. It is an honor and a privilege to do so.



Let's Do This!

By Sue La Buda, GFWC Wisconsin President



My name is Susan La Buda, and I am the state president for Wisconsin. Some of you may remember me when I was a Junior Director back in 2002-2004, or the GFWC Immunization Chairman, or the GFWC Key pin chairman for WHRC. But that was eons ago! I decided that my leadership

was needed at the state level, so I ran for office and have now made it to the top!

Since I took over, I've been a busy little bee (so to speak) answering e-mails, planning meetings, attending club/district meetings/events. My goals for this administration, well they are increasing membership. We all want to do just that, but I thought we would reach out to the clubs that have left us, but still operate as a club. My hopes are that we can bring them back to the organization. I have asked club members, if they know of clubs still operating in communities outside of their own to make our membership committee aware so we can connect with them. And members have responded, and my membership chairman already is on the move in hopes we can play some cards right and bring them back!

My next goal is to make communication in our state better. We have a new state brochure that is available to our clubs and

districts on our website. They can download it and add contact information to it. Our other communication tool is a public service announcement for the radio and TV. Both announcements will be made available to clubs to take to their local stations as well as cable companies with the hopes of bringing in new members and letting people know about the best kept secret!

My President's Special Project is cancer, since I am a cancer

patient in remission (not a "cancer survivor" yet— need a couple more years of remission). My hopes are since cancer is more prevalent, I want

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people to understand what a person goes through and hopefully stop the way people react/treat a cancer patient. I also want to inform members what can be done for cancer patients and raise funding for research to prevent this disease. Everyone reacts to this illness differently but we all need to come together and be caring and understanding people. In Wisconsin we will be raising funds for the treatment center that I received my chemo/radiation at—the Aurora Vince Lombardi Cancer Foundation.

Since Wisconsin is hosting Great Lakes Region Conference, I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the conference. Together we can have fun. "Let's do this"!

Go Out On a Limb

By Loretta Caron, GFWC Wisconsin Director of Junior Clubs



The cause I have chosen to champion in the 2016-2018 junior administration is educating members about teen runaway / homelessness and also sex trafficking, because that plays a part too. You might wonder why this

subject matter is so important-- here are some startling statistics:

- ♦ 1 in 5 kids will run away? In a year that is 1.6 million to 2.8 million!
 - ♦ If you took all the homeless and runaway kids in the nation you would have the 5th largest city in the country – about the size of Houston.
 - ♦ 50% of youth on the streets reported that their parents asked them to leave or just didn't care if they left.
 - ♦ 48% of runaway and homeless youth engaged in commercial sex activity – they did it because they didn't have a safe place to live.
 - ♦ 34% of runaway youth reported being sexually abused before running away from home.
 - ♦ 43% reported being physically abused.
- Most people think the kids that run away are bad kids.

"One of National Runaway Safeline's partners is GFWC's partner: Prevent Child Abuse America."

The truth is they are good kids that come from bad situations.

Many of these statistics are from the National Runaway Safeline (1800runaway.org), a non-profit in Chicago whose mission is to help keep America's runaway, homeless and at-risk youth safe and off the streets. One of National Runaway Safeline's partners is GFWC's partner: Prevent Child Abuse America. Another organization I will be focusing on is National Safe Place (nationalsafeplace.org). What I like about this organization ... kids can reach out for help – whether they ran away, are homeless, feel threatened, bullied, etc. They can text for help the word "SAFE" to 69866 and include their address, city, and state. Someone through National Safe Place will contact the child where they can chat with a counselor or if there is a 'safe place' close by someone will come to them.



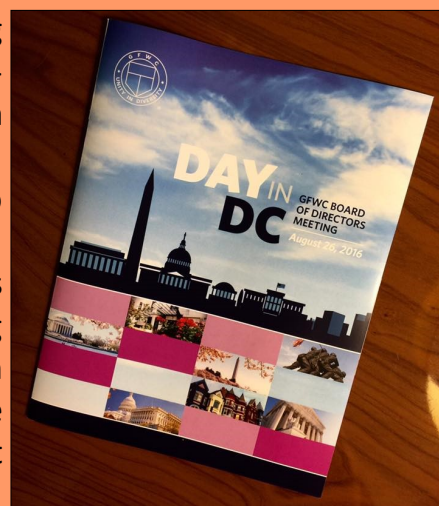
The symbol I chose is the tree of life with a birdhouse 'out on a limb' – a shelter for all the little birds that left the nest. My theme is "Go Out On a Limb" – learn about something new, try something new, or take on a new leadership role.

GFWC Board of Directors Day in D.C.

By Debbie Strahanoski, GFWC 2nd Vice President (IL)



GFWC Great Lakes Region members serving on the GFWC International Board of Directors started the *Day in D.C.* with a briefing at the U.S. Department of State, where we learned about initiatives related to GFWC's work in communities around the country. Sara Mahoney of the Secretary's Office of Civil Rights spoke about how the State Department is promoting gender diversity. As supporters of women's equality, clubwomen were thrilled to hear from Stephanie Foster of the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues, who spoke about a global empowerment of women and girls. Next, Anna Patrick of the Office of Global



Trafficking in Persons spoke about efforts to end human trafficking. We then heard from Kathy Johnson, who spoke about the upcoming opening of the U.S. Diplomacy Center.

The Board of Directors headed to GFWC Headquarters for lunch and a tour of historic our house at 1734 N Street. Then it was off to the United States Capitol. Clubwomen enjoyed a video and a tour of the symbolic center of

democracy.

This year's *Day in D.C.* was filled with learning and fun as we were reminded of just how big an impact our actions make when it comes to advocating for laws protecting women and children. As we continue to make our voices heard in Washington, D.C., it's important to remember that although we are making great strides, we have only just begun.

Information for this article was made available from the September 1, 2016 GFWC News & Notes,



GFWC Board of Directors gathered for a group photo at the Library of Congress.

GFWC Junior Board Happenings

By Trisha Schafer, GFWC Director Elect of Junior Clubs (IL)



GFWC Board of Directors met in Arlington VA August 25-28th. On Friday we were privileged to have a US State Department Briefing followed by lunch & tours at our GFWC Headquarters at 1734 N St. Then we bussed over to the capitol for a tour & walked through the tunnel to the Library of Congress.

The meetings were packed full of information to move ahead in our 2016-18 Administration duties. We heard from outside speakers from Everytown for Gun Safety Fund, and the National Network to End Domestic Violence. On Friday evening after dinner, the Junior Executive Committee hosted the Board gathering, where we highlighted our Partnership with St. Jude Research Hospital in honor of Cancer Awareness Month (September).

The Junior Board members helped

"...we demonstrated how a simple FUNdraiser can raise money for a great cause!"



Race (for the Cure)



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

ALSAC • Danny Thomas, Founder

host games at the Pre-Party. Games included "Crack the Code, Find the Cure & Search for Smiles." Prizes were awarded to winners. The gathering raised nearly \$2500 for St. Jude. By hosting the event, we demonstrated how a simple FUNdraiser can raise money for a great cause!

The final day and a half, the GFWC Board heard reports from Community Service Program Committee Chairmen and invitations from each Region President, including our own Lin Wilken, to their upcoming Regional Meetings. Every one sounded amazing!

The GFWC Junior Organization is comprised of 16 State Directors and 10 Junior Executive Committee Members along with the Director of Junior Clubs, Jolie Frankfurth from Florida, her Aide, T Jablanski from Massachusetts, and myself as Director Elect of Junior Clubs. Out of these 29 hardworking, dedicated

Juniors, GLR is represented well! Kristina Higbee (WI) is serving as GFWC Arts Chairman, Karyn Charvat (IL) is serving on the Leadership Committee, and Yvonne Ford (OH) is serving on the Resolutions Committee. Also included on the Junior Board are our own State Directors of Junior Clubs, Jeannette T. Wells (IL), Deidra Devore (OH), and Loretta Caron (WI). Great Lakes Region is FULL of Junior Leadership!!



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital celebration attendees, from L to R: Junior Special Program Chairman Deb Allen, GFWC Director Elect of Junior Clubs Trisha Schafer, GFWC International President Sheila Shea, and GFWC Director of Junior Clubs

Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

By Teresa Sanford-Shipplett, Signature Program Committee (IL)

The goal of this committee is to increase awareness of and help prevent the widespread occurrence of domestic abuse in communities across the nation by supporting existing activities, working with various established programs, and initiating educational opportunities for club members and local citizens.

STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE! It is a very real possibility that everyone of us knows a person who is facing (or has faced) domestic violence. No community is immune. Domestic Violence is a pattern of abusive behavior in a relationship that is used to control or maintain power over another person. Domestic Violence includes: physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, economic abuse, and psychological abuse.

Domestic Violence Awareness month is October. October not only mourns the death of domestic violence victims, it also celebrates those who have survived. Connect with other advocates to make a difference in your community. Here are 3 intervention tips:

- 1—Know the signs and indicators
- 2—Get your community educated
- 3—Get your community organized

GFWC is a powerful VOICE for those who have no voice!

Voice your concerns.....Speak out about abuse.

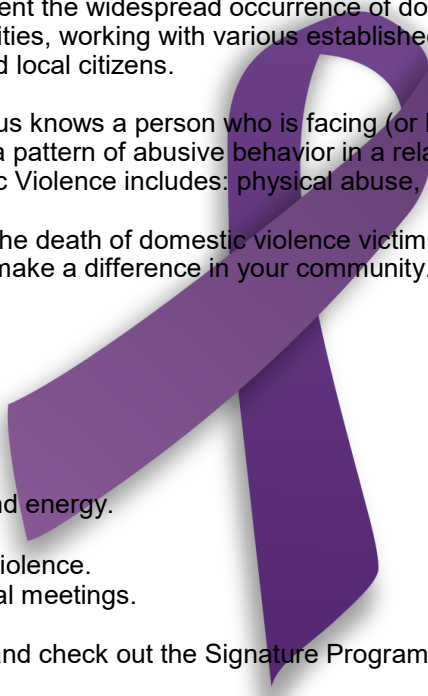
Organize or support local programs with your own donations or your time and energy.

Investigate your communities resources.

Collaborate with other community members to make a commitment to end violence.

Educate yourself and others through workshops, seminars, and informational meetings.

*Check the GFWC Manual for more information on the Signature Program and check out the Signature Program's Top 10 activities submitted by the 2015 Signature Program Chairman.



Prior GFWC Benefit of Membership Returns: Tax Exempt Status Under the GFWC Umbrella

Submitted by Melanie Gisler, GFWC Membership Services and Programs Director



The General Federation of Women's Clubs is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax exempt organization. GFWC is exempt from federal income tax as an incorporated organization which exists for educational and charitable reasons, and from which its members do not benefit financially.

In the 1980's GFWC offered tax exempt status to qualifying state federations and clubs under an umbrella group exemption granted by the IRS. In 1989 GFWC stopped accepting applications for tax exempt status under the umbrella group exemption because of prohibitive expenses and prolific paperwork at that time. 53 state federations/clubs have remained under the GFWC umbrella since then. Since 1989, GFWC advised clubs to apply for tax exempt status directly to the IRS.

Recently, GFWC began exploring the possibility of offering tax exempt status to clubs as a benefit of membership once again. Though larger GFWC clubs were able to meet

the requirements of the IRS non-profit regulations, many smaller clubs had difficulty and needed support. Not having tax exempt status limits opportunities for the smaller clubs to accept donations and raise funds for projects in their communities.

In January 2016, GFWC once again offered tax exempt status as a benefit of membership under the group exemption umbrella. Applications were available on GFWC's website in December 2015, and were submitted to GFWC by March 1, 2016. After attending a Tax Exemption Workshop at the GFWC Annual Convention, state federations and clubs accepted for application are currently working on changes to their bylaws and finances and will be eligible for inclusion in GFWC's group exemption in March 2017.

After all the requirements are met, state federations and clubs will be added to GFWC's group exemption report due to the IRS March 31, 2017. Clubs will then be tax exempt for

their taxes filed in December 2017 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Clubs have also agreed to submit renewal paperwork to GFWC every year, which is due on the March 15th.

If for any reason a club is not eligible to come under the GFWC group exemption umbrella, GFWC staff will support the club's application to the IRS for tax exempt status on its own.

Once a club has tax exempt status, the club may, among other things, apply for bulk mailing permits issued by the U.S. Post Office, apply for state sales tax exemption, apply for a grant or matching funds, and accept donations which the donor may use as a tax deduction.



NEW GFWC GLR Social Media Committee

By Patrice Booze, GFWC GLR Social Media Committee Chairman (OH)

Tired of reinventing the wheel each and every time you want to do a project? Are you fed up with ALWAYS looking for NEW and fresh ideas? Are you working too hard and not getting the results you had hoped? Are you always looking for that elusive last piece of the puzzle? Do you wish you had a trusted source for successful projects? GFWC GLR Sisters, we have the answer to your project blues. We are announcing the **NEW GFWC GLR Social Media Committee!**



What is the Purpose?

- ⇒ To enhance the visibility of GFWC GLR Clubs via Social Media and to promote on our GFWC GLR Facebook page reproducible projects for the use of other clubs within the region or who are "friends" of the region
- ⇒ To enhance the visibility of GFWC via Social Media

KNOWLEDGE SHARING



What kind of projects?

We are looking for successful state and/or club projects in every Community Service Program and Advancement Area. Please include the descriptions of who, what, where, and why. We would LOVE to see pictures of the projects too. We want to know it all including contact information in case we have questions.

How do you report your project?

Please send electronically, to the representative from YOUR state, your project description in WORD format and project photos as a jpg. We look forward to sharing these exceptional projects with our GFWC GLR Sisters.

Who are the members of the committee?



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GLR Conference Fundraising At Its Finest

By Dana Jones, GFWC GLR FUnraising Co-Chairman (IN)

As we gather together at the Great Lakes Region Conference there will be many opportunities for you to support the Region through fundraising efforts. Many items will be available for you to buy as gifts or for yourself. Take home some great merchandise!

Split the Pot tickets will be sold throughout the weekend. In addition, the Board of Directors are putting together a variety of Spa Baskets. Purchase tickets for your basket/s of choice with your GLR Conference registration or at the Conference.

There will be a "Mystery Puzzle FUNdraiser" with prizes spelled out on the backs of puzzle pieces. These \$5 pieces have prizes ranging from gift cards to promotional items from GFWC Partners. This is something new so join in the fun!

Lastly, there will be GFWC Merchandise available. Look for that in the vendor area.

This will be a fun weekend, so join us!



Halloween in Wisconsin

GFWC GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE

October 27 – 30, 2016



Grand Geneva Spa and Resort

7036 Grand Geneva Way
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin
Grandgeneva.com



Looking forward to another great time with your Federation Sisters? Plan on attending the 2016 GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin this fall. The Resort is accepting reservations at 1-800/558-3417 and mention GFWC – Great Lakes Region.

King or Double-Doubles at \$129.00 + tax per night.

Reservation Deadline is September 24, 2016.

Halloween is a time for fun! Leave those beads and bangles at home and bring your best costume ideas for Saturday Night's "Women through Time – Real or Fiction" Banquet.



REGISTRATION FORM
 GFWC – GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE
 October 27–30, 2016
Grand Geneva Resort and Spa
 7036 Grand Geneva Way Lake Geneva, WI 53147

Name: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: ☐ Home ☐ Cell _____ Officer/Chairman: _____

Club/District/State Affiliation: _____ / _____ / _____

Registration Fee: \$25.00 _____

A late fee of \$25 will be added with a postmark after the due date.

Thursday – Nibble, Sip and Paint \$40.00 _____

Nibble on Heavy Hors D'oeuvres, Sip a Glass of Wine and Paint your own Masterpiece!

Friday – Lake Geneva Boat Tour \$35.00 _____

Tour Lake Geneva, learn about the History of many famous homes. Lunch on your own in the downtown area.

Many lovely restaurants to choose from and some great shopping too!

Friday – WI State Night – Oktoberfest \$35.00 _____

Enjoy an Authentic German dinner with some fun polka music.

Saturday – Lunch \$28.00 _____

Tomato Bisque Soup, Vegetable Lasagna, Chef Choice Dessert

Saturday – Banquet \$39.00 _____

Tossed Salad, Scaloppini of Chicken with sides and Chocolate Mousse

Sunday – Breakfast Buffet \$32.00 _____

Juice, Seasonal Fruits and Berries, Fresh Bakery-Croissants, Danish, Muffins, Bagels, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Herb Roasted Potatoes

Mini Mart Space \$10.00 _____

-FOR GFWC GLR FUNDRAISING-

Opportunity Basket Tickets Qty of 20 \$20.00 _____

Total Enclosed _____

Please indicate any dietary restrictions: _____

Make Checks Payable To: GFWC Great Lakes Region - WI
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Registration must be postmarked by September 19, 2016. NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 21, 2016

GLR Conference Highlights

EVENTS

Nibbles, Sips and Paint at the Grand Geneva Resort and Spa—*Thursday, October 27 @ 6:00pm*. Create original artwork under the guidance of Co-Hostesses, Kristina Higbee and Jean Maiwald. Heavy Hors D'oeuvres and wine. Suggested attire: casual

Lake Geneva Boat Tour on the U.S. Mailboat—*Friday, October 28 @ 10:00am*. One and a half hour narrated tour of the lake including the former Schwinn Estate, Elgin Club, and Williams Bay. See beautiful homes and learn the history of the lake and its many estates. Stop in downtown Lake Geneva for shopping and lunch-on-your-own. Suggested attire: casual



GFWC Wisconsin State Night—*Friday, October 28*. Banquet celebrates the heritage of Wisconsin's Oktoberfest complete with live Polka Music. Suggested attire: cocktail or German

Women through Time Real or Fiction Costume Banquet—*Saturday, October 29*. Suggested attire: costumes of women past and present or fictional.



PRESENTATIONS

Keynote Addresses—from GFWC International President Sheila Shea and GFWC President Elect Mary Ellen Brock.



Everytown for Gun Safety—speaking on gun laws and violence against women, providing advocacy information specific to states within the Great Lakes Region to support the Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention.

LEADS Graduates—celebrate and encourage Leadership Development.

Communications and Public Relations—learn to navigate the GFWC Website and beyond.

Membership—ideas shared for all levels.

Facebook Submissions Awards—presented by the Social Media Committee.



Junior Special Program: Advocates for Children—showcasing GFWC partner *Easterseals*, a leader in helping children afflicted with developmental disabilities.

SHOPPING! Don't Miss Out!

"Personal Spa at Home" opportunity baskets—provided by the Executive Committee Members, State Presidents and State Directors of Junior Clubs. Tickets are available on the conference Registration Form as well as at the conference.

"Pass the Plate" opportunity fundraiser to support Cancer Treatment Centers—win the plate, make a dish, serve it on this KitchenAid limited edition Villeroy & Boch plate, then give it to someone special. They keep it and pass it on to the next. Once the plate is registered, each recipient can add to the plate's journey, and KitchenAid donates to the total. Every registered plate, earns \$5 to Susan G. Komen®. Plate donated by Lin Wilken and Cookies by Dana Jones.

Vendor Shopping—booths featuring fusion glass jewelry, Magnabilities Interchangeable Jewelry, handmade jewelry, Terri Lynn nuts, essential oils, soaps, lotions, candles, tea, scarves, purses, GLR and state fundraisers will be onsite. Also available for purchase will be GFWC merchandise. It's a smorgasbord of shopping!

